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SUBJ: CIVAIR - PRECLEARANCE FUNDING

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1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED DANN LEWIS, GCOB DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, THAT, CONTRARY TO OUR EXPECTATION, IT NOW APPEARED TREASURY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISBURSE \$100,000 WHICH HAD BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR PRECLEARANCE RELATED COSTS IN BERMUDA, THE BAHAMAS AND CANADA, DUE TO COMBINATION OF LEGAL AND POLICY PROBLEMS. WE RECOGNIZE GCOB CONCERN RE NON-AVAILABILITY OF \$25,000 THEY EXPECTED TO HAVE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO JUNE 30, BUT SINCE PRINCIPAL POINT FOR GCOB IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN THAT THE BAHAMAS RECEIVED EQUAL TREATMENT WITH OTHER PRECLEARANCE SITES, WE COULD ASSURE GCOB ON POINT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION.

2. AMBASSADOR WISHED TO OUTLINE FRANKLY FOR LEWIS PROBLEMS INVOLVED, WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE AND WHICH MAY WELL ARISE IN FY 1975, SINCE HOUSE HAD REPORTED ONLY \$150,000 FOR NEXT YEAR. THESE FUNDS NOT REQUESTED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH, BUT APPROPRIATED AT CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE, PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO CARRIER PRESSURES AS WAY OF ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLE THAT USG SHOULD BEAR COST, THROUGH RENTAL PAY-
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MENT, FOR SUCH FACILITIES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY PROVIDED AT

COST OF CARRIER. ON OTHER HAND, FUNDS APPROPRIATED CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT TO BE REGARDED AS "RENT", ACCORDINGLY " SPECIAL COSTS" CONCEPT WAS INTRODUCED. BECAUSE OF PRECEDENTS, LEGAL AND POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED, THIS CONCEPTUAL PROBLEM STILL REMAINS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. AS OF NOW, IT WOULD APPEAR BEST ROUTE WOULD BE FOR GCOB TO DISCUSS QUESTION DIRECTLY WITH US CUSTOMS TO IDENTIFY WHEN AND FOR WHAT PURPOSES GCOB'S POTENTIAL "SHARE" OF NEXT YEAR'S \$150,000 MIGHT BE EXPENDED. MAJOR INTEREST FOR EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS TO ENSURE THAT GCOB RECEIVES TREATMENT CONSISTENT WITH THAT AFFORDED TO OTHER PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES IN CANADA AND BERMUDA, AND ON THAT POINT GCOB CAN BE ASSURED WE ARE FIRM.

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